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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/ Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Request for Extension of Prepaid Advantage Program  
**Docket No. 2015-136-E**

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

On June 21, 2017 the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") issued its Order No. 2017-400 in the above-referenced docket approving an extension through October 31, 2017 for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or "the Company") Prepaid Advantage Program (the "Pilot"). In such Order, the Commission also approved an increase in the Pilot's participation limit to 1,600. With recent technology enhancements and additional customer acquisition channels that have opened up, the Company has seen an increase in customer interest and pilot participation. With the Pilot participation quickly approaching the 1,600 participant cap, The Company respectfully requests the Commission issue an order allowing the Company to extend the Pilot through December 31, 2017 and to increase the Pilot's participant limit from 1,600 to 2,200 participants.

Extending the Pilot until December 31, 2017 will allow the Company to continue to serve existing Pilot customers as it works with key stakeholders to make a more informed decision regarding a potential longer term offering where the Pilot could evolve into an energy efficiency program. Having the Pilot operate longer will also allow the Company a smoother transition for customers so there is no break in service and will prevent increases in costs associated with the reacquisition of existing participants. Additionally, since the Company has recently seen more customer participation, it believes that it would be appropriate to increase the participation limit to 2,200, to ensure the Company does not have to turn away interested customers during the extension.

The Company does not propose to change the Prepaid Advantage Program tariff, except to

address this requested extension and increase the participant limits, nor does the Company propose to change the Pilot's existing terms and conditions. The Company notes that this request does not require a determination of the entire rate structure of DEC nor its overall rate of return, and, as result, neither notice to the public nor a hearing is required. See S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F) (Supp. 2015).

Accordingly, Duke Energy Carolinas respectfully requests that the Commission approve the extension of the Pilot, effective through December 31, 2017, the ability to increase the participant limit to 2,200 customers.

Sincerely,



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